consideration of the aircraft for future is concerned, I think, that will depend on the needs of the time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Extradition of Gulf-Based Criminals

†*182. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take action against the militants and criminals based in Gulf after concluding a treaty regarding civil extradition and legal assistance between India and United Arab Emirates;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Extradition and Mutual legal Assistance Treaties between India and UAE were signed on 25.10.99. India has already ratified these Treaties. The ratification process in the UAE is under way. The Treaties will come into force after exchange of instruments of ratification which will take place after the UAE side completes the ratification process. International warrants of arrest have already been issued against the terrorists and other fugitive offenders believed to be hiding in UAE. The UAE authorities have been requested from time to time to execute these. After the extradition Treaty comes into force, pending extradition requests will be renewed and fresh extradition requests in respect of other fugitive will be sent to the UAE authorities for necessary action.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.